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SUBJECT: CHURCH-STATE RELATIONS: VISIT OF U.S. PRIEST

1. EDWARD DOHERTY OF NATIONAL CATHOLIC COUNCIL HAS IN-
FORMED EA/PHL OF IMPENDING TRIP BY FATHER J. BRYAN HEHIR,
WHO IS GOING TO PHILIPPINES AT INVITATION OF BISHOPS
CLAVER, LABAYEN AND OTHERS. DOHERTY SAID VISIT REALLY
INSTIGATED BY ARCHBISHOP OF CINCINNATI, WHO IS HEAD OF
U.S. COUNCIL OF BISHOPS, FOLLOWING HIS RECEIPT OF LETTER
FROM BISHOP REGAN DESCRIBING RECENT DIFFICULTIES BETWEEN
GOP AND CHURCH MILITANTS IN MINDANAO.

2. ACCORDING TO DOHERTY, HEHIR'S ITINERARY WILL TAKE HIM
TO MANILA ON APRIL 12, OZAMIS APRIL 13, THENCE TO REGIONAL
CHURCH CONFERENCE IN DAVAO, FOLLOWED BY STOPS IN CEBU TO
SEE CARDINAL ROSALES AND MANILA TO SEE CARDINAL SIN. WHILE
IN MANILA HE WILL STAY WITH MARYKNOLL FATHERS.

3. HEHIR, A SECULAR PRIEST, IS 35 YEARS OF AGE, HAS DOC-
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TORATE OF THEOLOGY FROM HARVARD, BUT SPENT MOST OF HIS
TIME AT HARVARD IN DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT AND WAS TEACH-
ING ASSISTANT TO ROBERT BOWIE FOR TWO YEARS.

4. DOHERTY HAS PROMISED EA/PHL SESSION WITH HEHIR UPON
HIS RETURN. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO CONTACT HIM PRIOR TO HIS
DEPARTURE FROM MANILA.

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